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Mr. Kempton B. Jenkins
Acting Assistant Secretary for
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Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

I want to bring to your attention the enclosed communication concerning South Korean political prisoner Kim Dae Jung.

I would appreciate any information available on this individual and what, if any steps, can be taken with respect to his release. Your consideration of this matter is appreciated.

With every regard.

Sincerely,

Robert Taft, Jr.

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Hon R. Taft
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Dear Bob,

I am enclosing a mailgram from Am Friends Service Committee Dayton, Oh, Anything you could do to secure the release of KIM DAE JUNG would be greatly appreciated.

Tell your friends in the Pentagon, that while they sip their cocktails, others are languishing in jail and taxpayers dollars support it all!

Tell the PARK Government in no uncertain terms that it must recognize civil liberties.

Consideration should be given to immediately withdrawing all American support, including recall of troops.

Sincerely
John

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RE: ACTION NEEDED FOR THE RELEASE OF KOREAN POLITICAL PRISONER KIM DAE JUNG

URGENT
ROBERT LEVENBACH, SOUTH AND EAST ASIA COORDINATOR FOR AFSC INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, CONTACTED ME YESTERDAY. SHE REPORTS THE FOLLOWING:
--KIM DAE JUNG, FORMER OPPONENT OF PRESIDENT PARK IN THE 1971 KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IS STILL IMPRISONED.
--KIM IS NOW UNABLE TO WALK AND UNABLE TO EAT.
--KIM IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF MEDICATION AND THE ROK GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED ACCESS TO MEDICATION.
--KIM'S RELEASE IS NEEDED NOW TO PREVENT FURTHER PHYSICAL HARM OR PERHAPS DEATH.

ROBERTA TELLS ME THAT THIS WORD WAS SMUGGLED FROM KOREA TO JOHN HAKEJIMA, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE JAPANESE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL. JOHN HAKEJIMA THEN CABLED A REQUEST TO THE CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S. FOR IMMEDIATE APPEALS TO THE ROK GOVERNMENT FOR KIM DAE JUNG'S RELEASE.
YOU MAY BE AWARE THAT KIM DAE JUNG IS HIGHLY RESPECTED BY HAHM SOK HAM, THE KOREAN QUAKER-TEACHER.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO APPEAL IMMEDIATELY TO:

AMBASSADOR PYONG-CHOON HAHN
REPUBLIC OF KOREA EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008

AND TO: HENRY KISSINGER
SECRETARY OF STATE

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND KOREA LITERATURE OR FILMS.
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